Fire Restrictions

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), and to provide for public safety and protect natural resources, the following acts are prohibited within the Sierra National Forest. This Order is effective from September 23, 2021, through November 15, 2021.

- 1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(a).
- 2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(d).
- 3. Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(i).
- 4. Operating an internal combustion engine, except on a National Forest System road or trail. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(h).

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

- 1. Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- 2. Persons with a Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order.
- 3. Persons with a valid California Campfire Permit are not exempt from the prohibitions listed above. However, persons with a valid California Campfire Permit may use a portable lantern or stove using contained gas, or pressurized liquid fuel, with a fuel shut-off valve.
- 4. Persons with a Special Use Permit from the Forest Service for a recreation residence on the Sierra National Forest may use a portable lantern or stove using contained gas, or pressurized liquid fuel, with a fuel shut off valve at their recreation residence.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 C.F.R. Part 261, Subpart A.

A violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Executed in Clovis, California on September 22, 2021.

DEAN A GOULD Forest Supervisor

Dear A. Soull

This Order supersedes Forest Order 05-15-00-21-16, dated August 18, 2021.